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CAP. XXV.

An Act to provide for the better Management of the Affairs of *Greenwich* Hospital.

[22d *May* 1829.]

WHEREAS His late Majesty King *George* the Third did, by Letters Patent bearing Date the Sixth Day of *December* One thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, ordain, appoint, and establish, that certain Persons therein named, and their Successors, should for ever thereafter be One Body Politic and Corporate, in Deed and in Name, by the Name of "The Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at *Greenwich* in the County of *Kent*," and did give sundry Powers, Rights, and Authorities to such Corporation: And whereas by an Act passed in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for vesting certain Estates, now held in Trust for the Benefit of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at* Greenwich, *in the Commissioners and Governors of the said Hospital incorporated by His Majesty's Letters Patent*, all and every the Barony, Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, and Hereditaments, and Lighthouse Duties therein mentioned, together with the Rights, Members, and Appurtenances, and other Property, Rights, Gifts, Duties, and other Benefits in the said Act mentioned or referred to, were settled upon and vested in the said Corporation, their Successors and Assigns, for ever: And whereas the said Corporation hath since acquired and become possessed of other Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Goods, Effects, and Chattels, Rights and Interests: And whereas it hath been deemed expedient that the said Corporation

Letters Patent, dated 6 Dec. 1775.

16 G. 3. c. 24.

shall be dissolved and extinguished, and that all the Estates, Rights, and Interests heretofore vested in the said Corporation shall be for ever hereafter vested in the Commissioners herein-after named, and their Successors, with certain Rights, Powers, and Authorities in relation thereto; and it hath also been deemed expedient that the Receipt, Payment, and Management of Naval Prize Money and Pension shall be altogether separated and removed from the said Hospital, and from the Commissioners for administering the Affairs of the said Institution, and shall be transferred to and placed under the Management of the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy: Be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, the said Act of the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty shall be and the same is hereby declared to be repealed; and that the Corporation of the Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at *Greenwich* in the County of *Kent* shall be and the same is hereby declared to be for ever dissolved and extinguished; and that immediately thereupon the Estates of the said Corporation shall vest and are hereby vested in the Commissioners herein-after named, and their Successors (to be appointed as herein-after mentioned), as the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, with the Powers, Authorities, and Duties, and for the Purposes herein-after declared.

Recited Act of 16 G. 3. repealed; Corporation of Commissioners and Governors dissolved; and the Estates, &c. vested in the Commissioners herein-after named.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That all and every the Estates and Property whatsoever which shall be by this Act vested in the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and all Estates and Property whatsoever which may be hereafter vested in the said Commissioners as Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, shall be for ever held by the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital for the Time being, and their Successors, to and for the Use and Benefit of the said Royal Hospital, in as full and ample a Manner as the Corporation of the Commissioners and Governors of *Greenwich* Hospital held the same; and all Rights, Powers, and Authorities heretofore possessed or exercised, or which might have been legally exercised by the said Corporation of the Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at *Greenwich* in the County of *Kent*, with respect to any of the Revenues or Rights of the said Hospital, and all Rights and Remedies for enforcing the same, shall (except as the same are hereby expressly limited or taken away) be possessed, exercised, and used by the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital for the Time being, and their Successors, in the Name of "The Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital," for the Benefit of the said Institution.

Estates, &c. to be held by the Commissioners for the Benefit of the Hospital.

III. And be it enacted, That the whole of the Affairs of the said Royal Hospital, and the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital hereby appointed, and their Successors, to be appointed as herein-after directed, and all other the Officers and Persons appointed to the said Hospital, and to any Situations connected therewith, and to the Schools of the said Hospital, shall be under the Authority, Controul, and Direction

General Controul over the Hospital, and over all Appointments therein, vested in the Admiralty.

of the Lord High Admiral, or Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being; and the Appointment of all Officers of the said Hospital, Civil and Military, (except of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Commissioners of the said Hospital, who shall be appointed by His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors,) and the Appointment of the Chaplains thereof, and of the Rectors, Vicars, and Perpetual Curates of the Livings and Chapelries belonging or which may belong to the said Hospital, and the establishing of Rules, Orders, and Regulations for the Guidance of the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and their Successors, in the Management of the Estates and Property of the said Hospital, and the Admission of Officers, Pensioners, and Nurses into the said Hospital, and the Salaries to be paid to all such Officers and Persons respectively, shall be exercised by and vested in the Lord High Admiral, or Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being, who shall have full Power to remove from the said Hospital, and from any Situation connected therewith, any Officer or other Person as aforesaid (except the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and such Commissioners, Rectors, Vicars, and Curates as aforesaid,) who shall be guilty of any Misbehaviour in their said respective Situations or Offices.

Commissioners appointed.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy now and for the Time being, and the First Commissioner of His Majesty's Woods and Forests now and for the Time being, shall always be Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital by virtue of their respective Offices (but shall receive no Salaries as such Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital); and that the said Treasurer of the Navy and First Commissioner of Woods and Forests, together with Vice Admiral Sir *William Johnstone Hope*, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*, late One of the Commissioners and Governors and Treasurer of the said Royal Hospital, the Right Honourable *George* Lord *Auckland*, late One of the Commissioners and Governors and Auditor of the said Royal Hospital, and *Edward Hawke Locker* Esquire, late Secretary of the said Royal Hospital, shall be and they are hereby constituted and appointed the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital during His Majesty's Pleasure, and that they and their Successors, to be appointed as herein-after is mentioned, shall be and be called "The Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital;" and the said Commissioners and their Successors shall be subject to such Rules and Regulations, and shall receive such Salaries out of the Funds of *Greenwich* Hospital (except as to the Treasurer of the Navy and First Commissioner of Woods and Forests, who shall not as Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital receive any Salary,) as shall be from Time to Time established and granted by the Lord High Admiral or Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being.

His Majesty may appoint new Commissioners.

V. And be it enacted, That when and so often as His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, shall at any Time hereafter be graciously pleased, by His or their Letters Patent, to appoint and nominate any Persons to be Commissioners for *Greenwich* Hospital, as the Successors of the Commissioners by this Act appointed by Name, or as the

the Successors of any Commissioners to be hereafter appointed by His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the Persons named in such Letters Patent, together with the Treasurer of the Navy for the Time being, and First Commissioner of Woods and Forests for the Time being, shall to all Intents and Purposes be the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and shall be immediately invested with all the Rights, Powers, and Authorities by this or any other Act given or to be given to the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital; and all the Estates, Baronies, Lordships, Manors, Advowsons, Messuages, Granges, Farms, Lands, Tithes, Mines, Meadows, Pastures, Feedings, Woods, Underwoods, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and Lighthouse Dues and Duties whatsoever and wheresoever, with their several Rights, Royalties, Members, and Appurtenances, together with all beneficial and other Leases, Funds, Fines, Mulcts, and other Monies accruing to the said Hospital, Legacies, Gifts, Annuities, Mortgages, Bonds, Rights, and Interests, shall immediately vest in the Persons so named and appointed as Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and their Successors, in as full and ample a Manner as the same are in this Act given to or vested in the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital named in this Act: Provided always, that no Person named and appointed in this Act as a Commissioner of *Greenwich* Hospital, being a Member of the House of Commons at the Time of the passing of this Act, and holding Office in the said Hospital, shall vacate his Seat by reason of such his Appointment, or of his holding the Place or Office of Commissioner of *Greenwich* Hospital: Provided also, that the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital for the Time being shall not be deemed and taken to have or hold any new Offices or Places of Profit within the Meaning of an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled *An Act for the Security of Her Majesty's Person and Government, and of the Succession to the Crown of* Great Britain *in the Protestant Line.*

6 Ann. c. 7.

Offices of Treasurer and Auditor to cease.

VI. And be it enacted, That the Offices of Treasurer and Auditor of the said Royal Hospital shall, after the passing of this Act, cease and be altogether discontinued, save and except as to the Accounts of the said Treasurer up to the Time of passing this Act, which the said Treasurer is hereby required to deliver and verify, and the Auditor of the said Royal Hospital to examine, audit, and certify, in the same Manner as hath been heretofore accustomed.

Officers to be selected from the Royal Navy.

VII. And be it further enacted, That all Officers who shall be hereafter appointed to any Employment in the said Hospital, except the future Commissioners of the said Hospital, and the Clerk of the Works, shall be selected, as far as may be, from Persons who shall have served in His Majesty's Navy.

Administration of Naval Prize and Pension separated from the Hospital, and trans-

VIII. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act the Administration of Naval Prize Money and Pension shall be altogether separated and removed from the said Royal Hospital, and from the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital and their Successors; and the Per-centage heretofore payable out of all Prize Money, Grants or Bounty, Bills, Droits, and out of other Monies of a like

a like Nature, and the forfeited and unclaimed Shares of Prize Money, and the Grants made by Parliament for the Payment of Naval Out-Pensioners, shall be received by and payable to the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy for the Time being, and the Payment thereof to the Parties entitled to the same shall be made under the Authority and Directions of the said Treasurer of the Navy; and all Powers, Authorities, Rights, and Duties relating to Naval Prize and Out-Pension shall be and the same are hereby separated and removed from the said Royal Hospital and the Commissioners and Officers of the said Royal Hospital, and transferred to and for ever hereafter vested in the said Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy for the Time being; and the Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy shall and may enforce the rendering of Accounts by Prize Agents and other Persons, and Payment of Per-centage and Balances and Shares of Prize Money, in as full and ample a Manner as the Corporation of *Greenwich* Hospital and all or any of the Officers thereof might, up to the Time of passing this Act, have exercised the same; and all Agents and other Persons concerned in the Receipt or Payment of Prize or Pension Money, or in the rendering any Accounts relating to the same, shall be accountable to the Treasurer of the Navy, and shall be subject to all the Pains and Penalties for Neglect or Refusal to perform any of the said Duties as they were respectively subject to for like Neglects or Refusals previously to the passing of this Act.

ferred to the Treasurer of the Navy.

IX. And whereas there are now standing in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* the following Sums belonging to the said Corporation of *Greenwich* Hospital; that is to say, One million twenty-two thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight Pounds Ten Shillings Three *per Centum* Consolidated Bank Annuities, standing in the Name of "The Corporation being the Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital at *Greenwich*;" One million two hundred and seventeen thousand Pounds Three *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities, standing in the Name of "The Corporation being the Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at *Greenwich, Kent*;" One thousand and ninety-three Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Four-pence New Four *per Centum* Bank Annuities, standing in the Name of "The Corporation being the Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at *Greenwich*;" and Ninety-eight thousand six hundred and eleven Pounds Twelve Shillings and Nine-pence Three *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities, standing in the Name of "The Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at *Greenwich*:" And whereas it is necessary, for the better Execution of the said Acts, that the said several Sums shall be transferred into the Name of "The Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital," for the Purposes of the said Institution, and to be subject to the Management and Controul of the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and their Successors, in manner herein-after mentioned; but by reason of the Dissolution of the said Corporation there will be no Means of making such Transfer, or of receiving the Arrears of Dividends due or to grow due upon the said several Sums, without the Authority of Parliament; be it enacted, That the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* shall and they are hereby required, immediately upon Notice given

Stock now standing in the Name of the Corporation to be transferred to the Commissioners.

given to them of the passing of this Act, (by a Print of the said Act being left with the Secretary of the said Governor and Company,) to transfer, or cause the Accountant General, Secretary, or Deputy Secretary of the said Governor and Company to transfer, the said several Sums now standing in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* as aforesaid into the Name of "The Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital."

How Stock standing in the Names of Commissioners may be sold out, and Dividends received.

X. And be it enacted, That as soon as the said several Sums shall have been so transferred into the Name of "The Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital," the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital and their Successors, or any Two or more of the said Commissioners for the Time being, of whom the Treasurer of the Navy for the Time being, or First Commissioner of Woods and Forests for the Time being, shall always be one, shall and may from Time to Time, by Power of Attorney under their Hands and Seals, sell or cause to be sold so much of such Stock, or of any other Stock hereafter to be standing in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* in the Name of the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, as the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital and their Successors shall from Time to Time deem necessary for the Purposes of the said Institution; and also that the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and their Successors, or any Two or more of the said Commissioners for the Time being, of whom the Treasurer of the Navy for the Time being, or First Commissioner of Woods and Forests for the Time being, shall always be one, shall and may from Time to Time, by Power of Attorney executed in like Manner, receive or cause to be received, for the Use and Purposes of the said Institution, all such Dividends as are now due and in arrear, or shall hereafter grow due upon the said Stock or Funds.

Governor and Company of the Bank indemnified for making Transfers.

XI. And be it enacted, That the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and their Successors, shall be and they are hereby held harmless and indemnified from and against all Claims and Demands of or by any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, for or by reason or in consequence of the Transfer of the said several Sums herein-before authorized and directed to be transferred, or in any Manner respecting the same, or in consequence of any Sale or Transfer by or on behalf of the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, of any Stock which may at any Time be standing in the Name of the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, or for or by reason or in consequence of the Payment by the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* of the Dividends herein-before authorized to be received by the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital and their Successors; and the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* shall not be required to see to the Application of the said Stock or Produce of Stock or Dividends, nor be in any Manner responsible for the Misapplication or Nonapplication thereof.

Powers of Attorney valid until others executed by

XII. And be it enacted, That all or any Power or Powers of Attorney for transferring Stock or receiving Dividends, executed as aforesaid, shall continue to be good, valid, and effectual, (notwithstanding the issuing of any new Commission appointing Commissioners

sioners of *Greenwich* Hospital,) until a new Power of Attorney shall be executed for the like Purpose by the Commissioners under such new Commission, or any Two or more of them, in manner hereinbefore directed. Commissioners under new Commission.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the Governor and Company of Merchants of *Great Britain* trading to the *South Seas* and other Parts of *America*, and for encouraging the Fishery, shall immediately after the passing of this Act transfer or cause to be transferred the Sum of Twenty-nine thousand five hundred Pounds *South Sea* Stock, standing in the Name of the Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at *Greenwich* in *Kent*, and their Successors and Assigns; and also the Sum of Four thousand Pounds Old *South Sea* Annuities, standing in the Name of the Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at *Greenwich* in *Kent*, and their Successors and Assigns; and the Sum of Four thousand Pounds New *South Sea* Annuities, standing in the Name of the Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at *Greenwich* (the said several Sums being the Property of the said Corporation of *Greenwich* Hospital,) into the Name of "The Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital." Transfer of Stock by South Sea Company into the Name of the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, or Two or more of them, (the Treasurer of the Navy for the Time being, or the First Commissioner of Woods and Forests, always being one,) shall and may execute any Power or Powers of Attorney for the Sale of *South Sea* Stock or Annuities, or Receipt of Dividends, in like Manner as the said Commissioners are authorized to execute Powers of Attorney with respect to Stock which shall hereafter be standing in the Names of the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*. Commissioners empowered to execute Powers of Attorney for Sale of South Sea Stock, &c.

XV. And be it enacted, That all and every Person and Persons in whose Name or Names any Stock, Annuities, or other Monies shall at the Time of the passing of this Act be standing or being, (in Trust for or for the Use or Benefit of the said Royal Hospital, or the Corporation of the Commissioners and Governors of the said Hospital,) and the Survivors or Survivor of them, or the Executors or Administrators of such Survivor, shall, as soon as conveniently may be, assign and transfer such Stock, Annuities, or other Monies as aforesaid into the Name of the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, to be applied by the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, or their Successors, under the Provisions of this Act. Stocks standing in the Names of other Persons, in Trust for Greenwich Hospital, to be transferred to the Commissioners.

XVI. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital shall, as soon as may be after the passing of this Act, open an Account with the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, in the Name of the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and upon and from which Account all Sums for the Service and Purposes of the said Institution shall be drawn by Cheques, signed by any Two or more of the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, or their Successors; and the Governor and Company of the Commissioners to open an Account at the Bank of England.

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the Bank of *England* shall only be answerable or accountable to the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and their Successors, (or otherwise howsoever,) for such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be paid into their Hands to the said Account, or on Account of the said Institution, and shall not, after Payment made of any Sums of Money upon any Cheque or Cheques, signed by any Two or more of the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, or their Successors, be answerable or accountable for the Misapplication or Nonapplication of any of the Monies so paid as aforesaid.

Commissioners may make Contracts.

XVII. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and their Successors, are hereby authorized and empowered, at such Times and for such Periods and Purposes as they may think fit, to enter into Contracts for the Supply of such Articles and Things, and Performance of such Works, as shall in their Opinion be required for the Service of the said Hospital, or in anywise relating thereto or to the Estates and Property belonging to the said Institution; and it is hereby declared, that all Contracts, Agreements, Mortgages, Bonds, and other Securities, Notices to quit, and other Notices relating to the said Royal Hospital, or the Corporation thereof, made, given, or executed, and undetermined, unsatisfied, or existing at the Time of passing this Act, shall continue to be good and valid until the same are fully satisfied and performed or determined, and the Covenants for Performance thereof shall be available by the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and their Successors, against the Parties entering into or bound by the same, as if this Act had not been made.

Suits and Actions already depending to be continued.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That all and every the Suits, Bills, Plaints, Informations, or Actions relating to Prize or Pension, which are now depending in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, and all Proceedings in Cases of Bankruptcy and Insolvency, in which the Corporation of the Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at *Greenwich* in the County of *Kent*, or any Officer of the said Corporation or on behalf of the said Corporation, or on behalf of any other Person in his Capacity of Officer of the said Corporation, are or is a Party, shall and may be prosecuted and carried on or defended by the Treasurer of the Navy as to all Matters of Prize and Pension, and by the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital as to all other Matters relating to the said Hospital, in such and the same Manner as if this Act had not been made; and it shall not be necessary that the Name of the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, or the Name of any other Person, shall be substituted in the lieu or stead of the Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at *Greenwich* in the County of *Kent*, or in the lieu or stead of such Officer as aforesaid, for the Purpose of continuing or proceeding in such Suit, Plaint, or Action, or Cases of Bankruptcy and Insolvency.

Actions, &c. how to be brought in future.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That all Actions or Suits to be brought, commenced, or prosecuted by or on behalf of the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, or their Successors, may be brought, commenced, or prosecuted in the Name of the Commissioners

sioners of *Greenwich* Hospital; and upon the Trial or Hearing of any such Action or Suit it shall not be necessary to produce any Commission, Authority, Warrant, or Document, appointing, confirming, or constituting the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, or their Successors, as Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, but the general acting of the said Commissioners in their said Capacities and Offices at the Time of commencing such Suit, Action, or Proceeding, shall be deemed sufficient Proof of the due Appointment of them respectively to the said respective Offices; and in all Indictments, Informations, Prosecutions, and other Proceedings against any Person or Persons for feloniously stealing or taking away, or unlawfully pawning, selling, or disposing of, or buying, exchanging, receiving, or embezzling, secreting, or not accounting for any Property belonging to *Greenwich* Hospital, or used therein, or belonging to the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, or their Successors, as Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and in any other Proceeding to which the said Form will apply, it shall be sufficient to charge the Property as being the Property of the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital.

Receivers, &c. may be appointed.

XX. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and their Successors, shall and they are hereby authorized and directed, when required so to do by Warrant under the Hands of the Lord High Admiral or Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being, from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, to appoint such Persons as shall be nominated by the Lord High Admiral or Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being Stewards, Receivers, or Bailiffs of the said Manors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall, upon the passing of this Act, or at any Time hereafter, be vested in the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital and their Successors, and to invest the Persons so appointed with full Power to receive and get in the Rents, Issues, and Profits thereof, and to give Receipts, Discharges, and Acquittances for the same, and to hold Courts, and to perform all Acts necessary for the managing of the said Premises; and to pay to such Stewards, Receivers, and Bailiffs such Salaries and Compensation as the Lord High Admiral or Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being shall from Time to Time fix and appoint; and until any new Appointment shall be made of any such Officers as aforesaid, the Stewards, Receivers, or Bailiffs, already appointed by the Commissioners and Governors of the said Royal Hospital, shall continue to exercise their said respective Offices.

Landed Estates vested in the Commissioners of Greenwich Hospital and their Successors.

XXI. And be it enacted, That all and every the Baronies, Lordships, Manors, Advowsons, Messuages, Granges, Farms, Lands, Tithes, Mines, Meadows, Pastures, Feedings, Woods, Underwoods, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and Lighthouse Dues and Duties whatsoever and wheresoever, with their several Rights, Royalties, Members, and Appurtenances, together with all beneficial and other Leases, Funds, Fines, Mulcts, and other Monies accruing to the Hospital, Legacies, Gifts, Annuities, Mortgages, Bonds, Rights, and

Interests, which at the passing of this Act belong to, or have been, and now are, under or by virtue of any Letters Patent or Act of Parliament, or otherwise howsoever, vested in or held by or in Trust for the Corporation of the Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at *Greenwich* in the County of *Kent*, shall respectively henceforth remain and be, and are hereby declared to remain and be, from and after the passing of this Act, and from henceforth for ever, settled upon and vested in the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital by this Act appointed, and their Successors, in as full and ample a Manner as the same were held by the Corporation of the Commissioners and Governors of *Greenwich* Hospital; and that all and every other Manors, Advowsons, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, Mines, Woods, Hereditaments, and Property whatsoever, which shall hereafter be purchased or received in exchange by the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and their Successors, or by any Person or Persons for them and on their Behalf, or which shall or may hereafter be, by any Act or Means whatsoever, given, granted, conveyed, transferred, assigned, or demised, or otherwise assured or intended so to be, to or in Trust for, or for the Use or Benefit of, or shall otherwise come to or be by any Means acquired by the said Royal Hospital or the Commissioners thereof, or to or by any other Person or Persons on Behalf of or in Trust for the said Royal Hospital, shall, from the respective Dates thereof, or other the Times respectively appointed or expressed or intended for the taking Effect thereof, respectively be, and are hereby declared to be, from thenceforth for ever respectively, settled upon and vested in and to belong to the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital and their Successors, to the Use of the said Commissioners of the said Hospital and their Successors for ever, freed and absolutely discharged of and from all Right, Title, Estate, Interest, Claim, and Demand whatsoever, which any Person or Persons whatsoever hath or have, or may or can have, in or to the said Baronies, Lordships, Manors, Advowsons, Messuages, Granges, Farms, Lands, Tithes, Mines, Meadows, Pastures, Feedings, Woods, Underwoods, Lighthouse Duties, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or in or to any Part or Parcel thereof respectively, upon any Account or Pretence whatsoever or howsoever, (save and except the Payment of One clear annual Sum of One thousand Pounds, now being charged and chargeable upon certain Portions of the said Estates, formerly Part of the Estates of *Charles Radcliffe* Earl of *Derwentwater*, and payable unto and to the Use of the Widow of *Anthony James* Earl of *Newburgh*, for and during the Term of her natural Life.)

Reserving 1,000*l.* per Annum to Lady Newburgh.

Estates to be held as of the Manor of East Greenwich.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and their Successors, shall hold and enjoy all and singular the said Baronies, Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, and Hereditaments, and the same shall for ever hereafter be and be deemed to be held of the King's Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, as of His Majesty's Manor of *East Greenwich* in the County of *Kent*, by Free and Common Socage Tenure; but nevertheless the said Baronies, Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, and Hereditaments shall be and shall be deemed to

to be subject to such Quit Rents, Crown Rents, and Duchy Rents issuing thereout respectively as the same are now respectively liable to.

Tenants subject to ancient Fines and Services.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That upon the Death of every successive King or Queen of this Realm, and at all other usual and customary Times, Seasons, Occasions, and Events respectively, all such Acts and Services shall be done and performed, and all such Fines and Sums of Money shall be paid, by the respective Tenants of the said Estates to the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and their Successors, as by the ancient Tenures thereof respectively, or by any Contract, Law, Usage, or Custom, or otherwise howsoever, have been heretofore done, performed, and paid, or ought to be done, performed, and paid, by the said Tenants respectively for the Time being in respect of the same respectively; and for Default of Performance of such Acts and Services which heretofore have been or ought to be done and performed, or for Default of Payment of any such Fines and Sums of Money which heretofore have been or ought to be paid as respectively aforesaid, such Forfeitures and Penalties shall accrue and become due as would have happened or accrued in case the said Manors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments were actually vested in His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and that He and They were considered as private Persons and not in their politic Capacity; and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and their Successors, and their Appointees and Assigns, to use and take all legal Ways and Means for recovering and taking advantage of the said Forfeitures and Penalties: Provided always, that all and every existing Lease and Leases and Demise and Demises of all and every the Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tithes, Tenements, Mines, and Hereditaments of or belonging to the said Royal Hospital, or heretofore belonging to the said Corporation, shall and may be and are hereby deemed to be valid and effectual, and the Covenants therein contained available by the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and their Successors, against the respective Lessees thereof, their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to all Intents and Purposes, in such and the same Manner as if the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital had been the actual Lessors named in the said respective Leases.

Existing Leases to be valid.

Commissioners may grant Leases.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and their Successors, from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, in such Manner as they shall deem expedient, and with the Approval and Consent of the Lord High Admiral or Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being, to grant, demise, and lease all and every or any of the Mines of Lead, Iron, Stone, and Coal, and other Minerals and Quarries, as well such as are already opened, as all such which shall or may hereafter be opened, found, or discovered, within, under, or upon any of the Lands or Estates so as aforesaid vested or to be vested in or belonging to the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital and their Successors, and also any Part or Parts of the same Lands and Hereditaments which may be thought expedient or proper to be let therewith for the better or more effectually working the

the same, unto any Person or Persons, for any Term or Number of Years not exceeding Twenty-one Years, to take effect in Possession, and not in Reversion or by way of future Interest, together with full and free Liberty, Licence, Power, and Authority to win and work the same Mines, and to search for and dispose of the said Metals, Coals, and other Minerals, and to do every other reasonable Act and Thing requisite and necessary for such Purposes or in relation thereto, as to the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, or their Successors, shall seem proper to be granted in any such Lease; and also from Time to Time to grant Leases of all or any of the said Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, unto any Person or Persons, for any Term or Number of Years not exceeding Twenty-one Years for any such Lease, unless the same be a building or repairing Lease, and not exceeding Eighty Years for any such building or repairing Lease, and respectively to take effect in Possession only, and not in Reversion or by way of future Interest; and so as in all such Leases there be respectively reserved and made payable, during the Continuance thereof, the best and most improved yearly Rent or Rents, Duties and Reservations respectively, which can be reasonably obtained for the same, without taking any Fine, Premium, or Foregift for the making thereof; and so as in every such Demise and Lease there be contained a Condition of Re-entry for Nonpayment of the Rent and Rents, Duties and Reservations thereby respectively to be reserved; and so as the respective Lessees duly execute Counterparts of their said Demises and Leases respectively, and enter into all usual and proper Covenants; and so that no Clause shall be contained in any of the said Demises, other than in the Demises or Leases of the said Mines or Minerals, whereby to give Power or Authority to any Lessee to commit Waste, or to exempt him, her, or them from Punishment for committing the same.

Commissioners may purchase Lands.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and their Successors, and they are hereby empowered, for any Purpose relating to the said Hospital which shall be approved by the Lord High Admiral or Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being, to treat, contract, and agree for the absolute Purchase of any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and the Freehold and Inheritance thereof, or any Estate or Interest therein, with any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or any Tenant or Tenants for Life, or in Fee Tail General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, or with any Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, or other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts respectively, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Person or Persons whomsoever, who shall be willing to sell the same; and upon Payment of the Purchase Money for the same respectively to the Parties or Persons respectively entitled thereto, or upon Payment thereof into the Bank of *England* in manner by this Act directed, (as the Case may be,) the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Here-

ditaments so to be purchased as aforesaid shall vest absolutely in the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and their Successors, in Trust, for the Benefit of *Greenwich* Hospital; and from thenceforth all other Parties and Persons whomsoever shall be divested of all Right and Title, Claim or Reservation whatsoever, to such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and any Term, Right, and Interest therein, so purchased, without incurring or being subject or liable to any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain, or any other Law or Statute whatsoever; and in case of a Re-sale of the said Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any of them, under the Provision herein-after for that Purpose contained, to purchase and hold other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments in like Manner.

Incapacitated Persons may convey Property to the Commissioners.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life, or in Fee Tail General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, and all other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts respectively, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femes Covert, or other Person or Persons under any Disability of acting for himself, herself, or themselves, and also to and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, and to and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, which shall be thought fit or expedient to be purchased by the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital and their Successors, to treat, contract, and agree (where any Agreement shall be necessary) with the said Commissioners, for the absolute Sale of the same Hereditaments to them, and also to convey, by Indenture of Bargain and Sale, or other effectual Conveyance, the Hereditaments to be so contracted or agreed to be purchased, and the Inheritance thereof in Fee Simple, unto and to the Use of the said Commissioners of *Greenwch* Hospital and their Successors; and which said Bargain and Sale shall, without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or other Conveyances or Assurances in the Law whatsoever, and without Inrolment, be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the Person or Persons or Bodies conveying, but also to convey all Right, Estate, Interest, Use, Property, Possibility, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of their said several Cestuique Trusts, and of all Person or Persons whomsoever claiming or to claim by, from, or under him, her, or them, or under any other Persons whomsoever, or claiming or to claim in Remainder or Reversion expectant on any particular Estate, or by way of executory Devise or springing Use, or otherwise howsoever; and the same shall be deemed and considered to bar the Dower and Dowers of any Feme Covert, and all Estates Tail, and

other Estates, Possessions, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, and the Issue and Issues of any Person or Persons claiming under them, as effectually as Fines or common Recoveries, or any other Conveyance or Assurance would do, if levied or suffered or executed by the proper Parties in due Form of Law; any Law, Statute, or Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and all Bodies Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life, in Fee Tail General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, Trustees, and all and every other Person and Persons, is and are and shall be indemnified for what he, she, or they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

Application of Purchase Money if exceeding 200*l.*

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases in which there shall be any Money to be paid for any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments contracted for or purchased, which shall belong to any Body Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Tenant for Life or in Tail or for Years, Trustee, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account *ex parte* the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital; to the Intent that such Money may be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner, as the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which have been or shall be purchased for the Purposes aforesaid stood and were settled and limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking effect; and in the meantime, and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court, upon Application made thereto as aforesaid, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the meantime, and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase and Settlement thereof were then actually made.

Application of Purchase Money when not exceeding 200*l.*

XXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Body Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Tenant for Life or in Tail or for Years, Trustees, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or any Person or Persons under Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in Cases of Infancy, Idiotcy, or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner herein-before directed, or otherwise the same shall be paid, at the like Option, to Two Trustees, to be named by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved by the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital and their Successors, such Nomination and Approbation to be signified by Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties, in order that such Principal Money, and the Dividends to arise therefrom, or the Interest thereof, may be applied in manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case shall be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the said Court of Exchequer.

Application of Purchase Money if not amounting to 20*l.*

XXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That when such Money so contracted and agreed to be paid as last before mentioned shall not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall belong absolutely and be paid to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased or agreed for, or hereafter to be purchased for the Purposes aforesaid, or in case of Idiotcy, Infancy, or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

In case of disputed Title, the Person in Possession to be deemed entitled.

XXX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased or to be purchased as aforesaid, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or to the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or

or Hereditaments, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Court; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

Costs of Purchases may be allowed.

XXXI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons, or Corporation, entitled to any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased or to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the said Court of Exchequer, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Court to order the Expences of all Purchases so agreed for or purchased, or hereafter from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, to be paid by the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital and their Successors, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct: Provided always, that no such Order shall be made, if it can be shewn by the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, or it would appear upon the Face of the Agreement for any Purchase aforesaid, that the Consideration Money for the same was intended to cover and include all contingent and other Expences relating to the said Purchase.

Upon Payment of the Purchase Money, Lands vested in the Commissioners.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That upon the Payment of the Money contracted or to be contracted or agreed to be paid for the Purchase of any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Estate, Right, or Interest as aforesaid, to the Party or Parties or Person or Persons respectively entitled to receive such Monies, or their Agents, or upon Payment thereof into the Bank of *England* for the Purpose of being disposed of in manner herein-before directed, as the Case may be, all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand, in Law or in Equity, of the Party or Parties and Person and Persons respectively to whom or for whose Use or Benefit the same shall be paid into or out of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall vest in the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, and their Successors, for ever.

This Act to extend to Purchases already contracted for.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Powers, Provisoes, and Authorities by this Act given with respect to the Purchase of Lands hereafter to be contracted for by the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital and their Successors, shall be applicable to all Purchases already agreed to be made by the Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at *Greenwich* in the County of *Kent*.

XXXIV. And

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital and their Successors, with the Approval and Consent of the Lord High Admiral or Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the Time being, to make sale, alien, and dispose of (or to convey in exchange for or in lieu of other Manors, Messuages, Lands, or Hereditaments to be situate in any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain*,) all or any of the Manors, Messuages, Lands, or other Hereditaments hereby vested in them, or which shall hereafter belong to or be from Time to Time vested in the said Commissioners, with the Appurtenances, and the Inheritance thereof, in Fee Simple or otherwise, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, or any Body Politic or Corporate, either together or in Parcels, and for such Price or Prices in Money (or for such Equivalent or Recompence in Manors, Messuages, Lands, or Hereditaments,) as to the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital and their Successors shall seem reasonable, and to make and execute all Acts, Deeds, Matters, and Things requisite or necessary for completing any Sale or Exchange to and with any Person or Persons, or Body Politic and Corporate, purchasing or agreeing to purchase any Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of and from the said Hospital, and the Heirs, Successors, Appointees, or Assigns of such Person or Persons, Body Politic or Corporate; and also, upon any Exchange as aforesaid, to take any Sum or Sums of Money by way of Equality of Exchange, and likewise to give full, complete, and sufficient Receipts, Releases, and Discharges to all Persons so purchasing of and from or exchanging with them. Commissioners empowered to sell and convey Lands.

XXXV. And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act for erecting Five distinct Rectories and Parishes within the Rectory and Parish of* Simonburn *in the County of* Northumberland, *and for separating the same from the Rectory and Parish Church of* Simonburn, *and for providing Parish Churches, Churchyards, and Parsonage Houses for the same, and for restraining the Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at* Greenwich *in the County of* Kent, *from presenting to the Rectory of* Simonburn, *or the said new Rectories, any other Persons than Chaplains in the Royal Navy*, the Rights of Patronage and Presentation of, in, and to the several Rectories of *Simonburn, Wark, Bellingham, Thorneyburn, Fallstone*, and *Greystead*, in the County of *Northumberland*, are vested in the Commissioners and Governors of the Royal Hospital for Seamen at *Greenwich* in the County of *Kent*, and their Successors for ever; be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act the Rights of Patronage and Presentation to the said several Rectories of *Simonburn, Wark, Bellingham, Thorneyburn, Fallstone*, and *Greystead*, and also to the Living of *Alston* in the County of *Cumberland*, and all other Benefices which may belong to *Greenwich* Hospital, shall (subject to the Provisions of the said Act) and of an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to enable Chaplains in the Navy, presented to either of the Livings of* Simonburn, Wark, Bellingham, Thorneyburn, Fallstone, *or* Greystead, *in the County of* Northumberland, *to* Patronage of Livings vested in the Admiralty. 1 G. 4. c. 106.

receive their Half Pay, and for other Purposes relating to the said Livings, be for ever hereafter vested in the Lord High Admiral, or Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, for the Time being.

Roman Catholics not to be concerned in Presentation to Benefices.

XXXVI. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend to authorize or empower any Person professing the Roman Catholic Religion, being One of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, in any Manner to join in the Election, Presentation, or Appointment to any of the Benefices herein-before mentioned.

Commissioners may hold without Licence in Mortmain.

XXXVII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons whomsoever, having Power so to do, to give, devise, or bequeath any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, Goods, Monies, Chattels, and Effects, to and for the Use or Benefit of *Greenwich* Hospital; and that the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital and their Successors shall be able and capable in Law, without Licence in Mortmain, to take, hold, receive, possess, and enjoy, to them and their Successors, for the Purposes of the said Hospital, or the Persons supported therein or therefrom, any Manors, Messuages, Lands, Rents, Tenements, Annuities, and Hereditaments, of what Nature or Kind soever, or any Estate or Interest arising or derived out of any Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to them and their Successors in Fee and Perpetuity, or for Life or Lives, or Term of Years, or otherwise, and to let, sell, alien, exchange, assign, and dispose of the said Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments at their Will and Pleasure, as shall be most beneficial for the said Institution.

Acts done by Two Commissioners valid.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That where by this or any other Act hereafter to be made any Matters or Things are directed to be done by the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital or their Successors, it shall be lawful and sufficient (except as to the signing of Powers of Attorney for Sale of Stock or Receipt of Dividends, which shall be signed as herein-before mentioned,) for all such Matters and Things to be done by the Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital, or any Two of them; and all Conveyances to be made, or Leases to be granted, by the said Commissioners, shall be good and valid, if under the Hands and Seals of the said Commissioners, or any Two or more of them; and all Receipts required to be given shall be under the Hands of the said Commissioners, or any Two or more of them, except Receipts for Sums not exceeding Two hundred Pounds, which may be given by One Commissioner, or by the Cashier of the said Royal Hospital.

Accounts to be examined and certified by the Auditors of Public Accounts.

XXXIX. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital and their Successors shall, within Thirty Days after the Thirty-first Day of *December* in every Year, transmit to the Auditors of Public Accounts a true and correct Statement of the whole Income and Expenditure of the said Royal Hospital for the Year preceding, and shall account before the said Auditors for all Sums of Money received and disbursed by them on account of the said

Royal Hospital, in like Manner and under the same Conditions as other Accountants of Public Money are accustomed and required to do, and, upon the said respective annual Accounts being examined and allowed by the said Auditors, and declared before the Chancellor of the Exchequer, a Certificate shall be given to the said Commissioners, in the Manner and for the Purposes prescribed by an Act passed in the First and Second Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to alter and abolish certain Forms of Proceedings in the Exchequer and Audit Office relative to Public Accountants, and for making further Provisions for the Purpose of facilitating and expediting the passing of Public Accounts in* Great Britain, *and to render perpetual and amend an Act passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of His late Majesty, for the effectual Examination of the Accounts of certain Colonial Revenues*: Provided that neither this Act, nor the Appointment of any Person to be a Commissioner of *Greenwich* Hospital, shall render any Estate of such Commissioner, after the same shall have been sold and conveyed to or to the Use of a *bonâ fide* Purchaser, liable to the Debts or Defalcations of such Commissioner, or shall the Estate so sold be affected thereby, unless previous Notice in Writing of any such Defalcation shall have been given to the Purchaser of the Estate so sold and conveyed. 1 & 2 G. 4. c. 121.

Certain Property of Greenwich Hospital to be marked.

XL. And be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital and their Successors shall and may and they are hereby authorized to cause the Clothes, Linen, Stores, and other Articles belonging to the said Hospital, capable of being marked, to be from Time to Time marked, stamped, or branded with an Anchor, surmounted with a Naval Crown, with Two Flags over the Crown, and the Letter G. on the one Side of such Device, and the Letter H. on the other Side thereof; and from Time to Time, in case the said Commissioners of *Greenwich* Hospital shall sell or dispose of any of the said Clothes, Linen, Stores, or other Articles, or shall allow the In-pensioners or any of them to sell or dispose of any of the said Clothes, Linen, Stores, or other Articles, then the said Commissioners shall and may and they are hereby authorized to obliterate or deface the said Marks, Stamps, and Brands respectively, by marking, stamping, or branding upon the said Clothes, Linen, Stores, or other Articles, so sold or disposed of by the said Commissioners or any Two of them, the aforesaid Device reversed, over and upon the said Device before marked, stamped, or branded on the said Clothes, Linen, Stores, or other Articles respectively; and if any Pensioner or other Person or Persons shall unlawfully take in pawn, buy, exchange, or receive any Clothes, Linen, Stores, or other Goods or Articles marked, stamped, or branded as aforesaid, and not previously obliterated or defaced as aforesaid, upon any Account or Pretence whatsoever, such Mark, Stamp, or Brand not obliterated or defaced as aforesaid to be considered and taken as sufficient Evidence, without further Proof, that the Clothes, Linen, Stores, Goods, and Articles so marked, stamped, or branded, and not obliterated or defaced as aforesaid, are the Property of the said Commissioners; or if any Pensioner or other Person or Persons shall cause such Mark or Stamp, Marks or Stamps, to be taken out, obliterated, or defaced from any of the Clothes, Linen, Stores, Goods, or Articles belonging to the said Hospital,

Hospital, or if any Pensioner or other Person or Persons shall knowingly or unlawfully pawn, sell, or dispose of, or if any Pawnbroker or other Person or Persons shall knowingly and unlawfully take in pawn, buy, exchange, or receive any Clothes, Linen, or other Goods or Articles belonging to the said Hospital, or if any Person shall secrete, embezzle, or not duly account for any Clothes, Linen, or other Goods or Articles, whether marked or unmarked, belonging to the said Hospital or the Commissioners thereof, or used therein, such Articles having been entrusted or delivered to him or them for any Purpose whatsoever, the Person or Persons so offending shall forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Recovery of Penalties.

XLI. And be it enacted, That all Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties by this Act imposed, not exceeding Twenty Pounds, shall be sued for and recovered under the Provisions of an Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to facilitate summary Proceedings before Justices of the Peace and others;* and of another Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the more effectual Recovery of Penalties before Justices and Magistrates on Conviction of Offenders, and for facilitating the Execution of Warrants by Constables;* and all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed, exceeding Twenty Pounds, shall be recovered by Action in some of the Courts of Record at *Westminster* or in *Dublin*, or in the Court of Session in *Scotland*, one Half of every such Penalty to go to the Person who shall inform or sue for the same, and the other Moiety to the Commissioners of the said Royal Hospital.

3 G. 4. c. 23.

5 G. 4. c. 18.

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